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Dear Parents and Guardians:

You are getting this letter because you have a child who gets MaineCare under the Katie Beckett Option. We want to update you on revisions to the Katie Beckett rules. Each year you receive a telephone call and/or a letter to schedule an appointment for your child's medical assessment. You are asked to bring with you recent medical documents indicating your child's diagnosis, treatment plan, medications, history and physical exam and any physical, speech and/or occupational therapy plans of care.

Due to revisions to the rules in the MaineCare Benefits Manual specific to therapies, additional information will be necessary.

Chapter II, Section 85 *"Physical Therapy Services"*

85.09 *Policies and Procedures*

85.09-2 Member's Record must contain...:

- Type of therapy needed; the frequency of the therapy; delivered by whom; long and short range goals; physician's order for the therapy, written progress notes by the provider of services and a periodic evaluation of the child's response to the therapy.

And

Chapter II, Section 67 *"Nursing Facility Services"*

67.02-3 *"Medical Requirements"* B, d:

- Physician-ordered occupational, physical or speech/language therapy or some combination of the three (time limited with patient-specific goals) which is provided and requires the professional skills of a licensed or registered therapist. (Therapy services may be delivered by a qualified licensed or certified therapy assistant, under the direction of the qualified professional therapist.)
- Maintenance or preventative services do not meet the requirements of this section.

The rules for this level of documentation in the child's record are not new to the therapist and/or physician. We (the assessors) must have evidence of the level of services being provided and the child's response to the therapy. If you have any questions, please call me at 287-3933.

Respectfully,

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